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March 10, 2016

The Honorable David Cicilline
U.S. House of Representatives
2244 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Cicilline:

Thank you for your letter urging the Commission to ensure the full disclosure of sponsors of political advertisements. Your views are very important, and I appreciate your sharing them with me.

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The Honorable Katherine M. Clark
U.S. House of Representatives
1721 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Clark:

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The Honorable Yvette D. Clarke
U.S. House of Representatives
2351 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Clarke:

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U.S. House of Representatives
2404 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
2238 Rayburn House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
2426 Rayburn House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
1536 Longworth House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
1314 Longworth House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
2348 Rayburn House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
1436 Longworth House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
2209 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
2230 Rayburn House Office Building
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2159 Rayburn House Office Building
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1214 Longworth House Office Building
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2134 Rayburn House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
2368 Rayburn House Office Building
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1632 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Suzan DelBene
U.S. House of Representatives
318 Cannon House Office Building
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